

## THE FALL OF VICKSBURG.

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Many Prisoners Anxious to Take the Oath.

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GEN. JOHNSTON IN FULL RETREAT.

GEN. SHERMAN IN HOT PURSUIT.

ASSISTANCE TENDERED TO GEN. BANKS.

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Official Dispatch from Rear-Admiral Porter.

GEN. GRANT'S OFFICIAL REPORT.

The Correspondence Between Grant and Pemberton.

THE TERMS OF SURRENDER.

VICKSBURG, Sunday, July 5, 1863.

Yesterday and to-day all has been remarkably quiet, and good feeling prevails. The weather is fearfully warm. Nineteen general officers have been paroled. Two or three days must elapse before the prisoners are sent out to their destination, which is reported to be Talladega, Alabama. Many of them are anxious not to be paroled, but wish to take the oath of allegiance, quit the Rebel service, and be sent North. Several women and children have been killed or injured during the siege. Hundreds of houses, occupied by sick and wounded, have been constantly exposed to shells. About 2,500 persons have been killed inside the works since the siege began. The labor performed on the fortifications on both sides has been prodigious. The weight of our artillery knocked most of their works into undistinguishable heaps.

About 1,900 women and children were in the city during the bombardment, who have for the most part been obliged to live in caves, of which there are several hundred. Citizens have not been allowed to draw from the army supplies, except in cases of desperation. The prices of food have been enormous. Five dollars a pound has been charged for flour, and a dollar a pound for meat, meat.

The latest advice from the interior state that Gen. Johnston is rapidly retreating, and that Gen. Sherman is in hot pursuit. Re-enforcements are moving to Gen. Sherman. An offer of assistance has been dispatched to Gen. Banks, and it is conjectured that the condition of the Port Hudson garrison will be similar to that of Vicksburg a week hence. The fall may be imminent, as every thing in the general opinion here, both in the Rebel army and our own, is that the Rebellion in the South-West is at an end, or reduced to insignificant proportions.

List of Our Captures.

VICKSBURG, Saturday, July 4, 1863.

VIA CANAL, Friday, July 6, 1863.

Vicksburg surrendered this morning after a siege of 47 days, terminating in negotiations lasting 24 hours. Gen. Grant and Pemberton had an interview yesterday afternoon. The last note of Gen. Pemberton, accepting the proffered terms of Gen. Grant, did not reach here till 9 o'clock to-day. Gen. McPherson received the formal surrender. The terms allow the officers and men to be paroled here, the former to retain their side arms and horses and personal property. They will be escorted beyond our lines and furnished with three days' provisions from our stores. Gen. Logan's Division marched into the city at 11 o'clock, and at noon Lieut.-Col. Strong hoisted the Stars and Stripes over the Court-House. Col. Wilson is Provost-Marshal of the city, and Gen. Logan is commander of the post.

Official Reports.

WASHINGTON, Sunday, July 4, 1863.

The following has been received at the War Department:

VICKSBURG, Vicksburg, July 4, 1863.

Major-General U. S. Grant, commanding U. S. forces.

GENERAL: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of this date, proposing terms for the surrender of this garrison and post. In the main your terms are accepted; but in justice both to the honor and spirit of my troops, manifested in the defense of Vicksburg, I have the honor to submit the following amendments, which, if acceded to by you, will perfect the agreement between us at 10 o'clock to-morrow. I propose to evacuate the works in and around Vicksburg, and to surrender the city and garrison under my command, by marching out with my colors and arms and stacking them in front of my present lines, after which you will take possession; officers to retain their side-arms and personal property, and the rights and property of citizens to be respected. I am, General, very respectfully,

J. C. PEMBERTON, Lieut.-General.

To this Gen. Grant immediately replied as follows:

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF TENNESSEE, BEFORE VICKSBURG, July 4, 1863.

Lieut.-Gen. PEMBERTON, Commanding Forces in Vicksburg.

GENERAL: I have the honor to acknowledge your communication of the 3d of July. The amendments proposed by you I have decided to fit in full. It will be necessary to furnish every officer and man with a parole signed by himself, which, with the completion of the roll of prisoners, will necessarily take some time. Again, I can make no stipulation private property. While I do not propose to cause any of them my unique entrance of life, I cannot consent to leave myself under restraint by stipulations. The property which officers can be allowed to take with them will be as stated in the proportion of last evening—that is, each officer will be allowed his private baggage and side-arms, and mounted officers one horse each. If you mean by your proposition for each brigade to march to the front of the lines now occupied by it, and stack their arms at 10 o'clock a.m., and then return to ride and remain as prisoners until properly paroled, I will make no objections to it. Should no modification be made of your acceptance of my terms by 10 o'clock a.m., I shall regard them as having been rejected, and act accordingly. Should these terms be accepted, white flags shall be displayed along your lines to prevent such of my troops as may not have been notified from firing upon your men.

I am, General, very respectfully,

U. S. GRANT, Major-General U. S. A.

To this the subjoined answer was received:

HEADQUARTERS, Vicksburg, July 4, 1863.

Major-General U. S. Grant, commanding U. S. forces.

GENERAL: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of this date, and in reply to say that the terms proposed by you are accepted.

Very respectfully, J. C. PEMBERTON, Lieut.-General.

All preparations for occupying the town are completed. In an hour it will be in our possession.

The following dispatch has been received at the War Department:

VICKSBURG, Miss., July 5, 11 p.m., 1863.

The surrender was quietly consummated yesterday morning at the appointed hour of 10 o'clock. The Rebel troops marched out and stacked arms in front of their works, while Gen. Pemberton appeared for a moment with his staff upon the parapet of the central front. The occupation of the place by our forces was directed by Gen. McPherson who had been appointed to the command here. Gen. Logan being assigned to the command of the post under him. The divisions of Gen. Logan, J. E. Smith, and Herron now occupy the line of fortifications and furnish guards to the interior of the city. No troops remain outside. Everything is quiet here. Gen. Grant entered the city at 10 o'clock, and was received by Gen. Pemberton with more marked importance than at the former interview, and bore it like a philosopher. Gen. Grant, in reply, treated Gen. Pemberton with even a greater courtesy and dignity than before.

The number of passengers, we have as yet no precise information. Major Lockett, Pemberton's Chief of Engineers, reported it officially yesterday at 7:00 a.m. To-day when the Rebel Brigadier brought in their regulation for food, which they ask notwithstanding Gen. Pemberton's clause in the capitulation that he should draw eight days' supplies from his own stores, was a little over 30,000. Gen. McPherson issued to them five rations per man—all they are to have. No citizens have yet applied for rations. The paroling is being pushed with all possible rapidity, and will doubtless be completed by the close of day after to-morrow. Among the officers already paroled, are 19 generals, with their staffs, including one Lieutenant and four major-generals. Large numbers of the men express a warm desire to take the oath of allegiance, and it is certain that their officers will find it difficult to march them to their camps east of the Tombigbee. They had 5,400 of their men on the sick list. Of these 2,500 must be left here.

Their losses during the siege is estimated by Judge Hamilton, an intelligent citizen of the place, at 6,000. Gen. Pemberton having complained that the 30 wagons, agreed upon in the capitulation, were not enough. Gen. Grant has told him to take 50.

The universal testimony of the Rebel officers is that their conscripts have been worthless to them.

The official returns of the field artillery surrendered makes it 100, including many French, Spanish, and Austrian guns. No report of coast and siege guns has been made. The number is from 30 to 50. Neither do we yet know what quantity of ammunition the Rebels had remaining; but some of their officers say they had only 20 rounds per man and per cannon.

Capt. Comstock, Gen. Grant's Chief Engineer, to-day visited the fortifications. He reports them as simple field works, but of considerable strength, from the natural conformation of the ground. With one single exception the forts are all open at the gorge. The buildings of the town are much less damaged than we had expected.

The main demand of the Rebels, now that the news of the fall of the Mississippi has been kept secret, is that the rebels be granted a safe conduct to their homes.

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